

or cause to be packed any such Tobacco, in such Manner as aforesaid, or wittingly suffer the same so to be, shall for every Hoghead that they shall so pack, or cause or wittingly suffer to be so packed and paid, or offered or tendered to be paid away, forfeit and pay the Quantity of One Thousand Pounds of good, sound, merchantable Tobacco in Cask, the one Half thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, towards the defraying the Charge of the County where such Fact shall be committed, the other Half to the Party grieved; or in Default of Prosecution by the Party grieved within Three Months after Notice of such Fact committed, to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

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Persons guilty thereof, and offering any Hoghead of Tobacco so packed, in Payment, shall forfeit for every such Hoghead, 1000<sup>lb</sup> good Tobacco in Cask.

VIII. And whereas several People may complain it will be an Hardship upon them to throw away all their small, dull, scrubby Tobacco and Ground-Leaves; *Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That* if any Person or Persons shall pack any such Tobacco, in Cask or otherwise, by itself, without facing it with good Tobacco, with Design of Deceit; and shall, before Sale of such Tobacco, declare to the Party purchasing such Tobacco, the Nature and Quality thereof, they shall not incur the Penalties before in this Act imposed on such, as false-packed Tobacco; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

But Persons declaring the Quality before Sale, shall not incur the Penalty.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

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An ACT for Limitation of certain Actions, for avoiding Suits at Law. *Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 158.* Passed 3d June 1715.

**F**ORASMUCH as nothing can be more essential to the Peace and Tranquility of this Province, than the Quieting the Estates of the Inhabitants thereof; and for the Effecting of which no better Measures can be taken, than a Limitation of Time for the commencing of such Actions, as in the several and respective Courts within this Province are brought, from the Time of the Cause of such Actions accruing.

Preamble.

II. *Be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That* all Actions of Trespass *Quare Clausum fregit*, all Actions of Trespass, Detinue, Sur-Trover, or Replevin for taking away Goods or Chattels, all Actions of Account, Contract, Debt, Book, or upon the Case, other than such Accounts as concerns the Trade or Merchandize between Merchant and Merchant, their Factors and Servants which are not Residents within this Province, all Actions of Debt for Lending, or Contract without Specialty, all Actions of Debt for Arrearages of Rent, all Actions of Assault, Menaces, Battery, Wounding and Imprisonment, or any of them, shall be sued or brought by any Person or Persons within this Province, at any Time after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall be commenced or sued within the Time and Limitation hereafter expressed, and not after, *(That is to say,)* the said Actions of Account, and the said Actions upon the Case, upon simple Contract, Book-Debt, or Account, and the said Actions for Debt, Detinue and Replevin for Goods and Chattels, and the said Actions for Trespass *Quare Clausum fregit*, within Three Years ensuing the Cause of such Action, and not after; and the said Actions on the Case for Words, and Actions of Trespass of Assault, Battery, Wounding and Imprisonment, or any of them, within One Year from the Time of the Cause of such Action accruing, and not after.

What Actions shall be brought within Three Years.

What within One Year after Cause of Action.

III. And be it further Enacted, *by the Authority aforesaid, That* if any Person, entitled to any the Action or Actions aforesaid, shall be, at the Time of